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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### THE FIGHTING IN FRANCE AND FLANDERS.

#### RICHTHOVEN BROUGHT DOWN AT LAST.

Enemy's Futile Sacrifices.

London, April 22.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the Secretary for War, in his weekly review, says that hitherto the enemy's enormous sacrifices have not produced primary results. Therefore he expects a more powerful thrust elsewhere if the drive towards the Channel fails.

Sharp Enemy Attack Repulsed North of Albert.

London, April 22.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig in a communiqué, says:—There was a strong local attack accompanied by heavy shelling last night against our positions in the neighbourhood of Menin, north of Albert. After sharp fighting, during which the enemy captured an advanced post, the attack was repulsed. We improved our positions slightly during the night in the Villers-Bretonneux, Albert and Robecq sectors. We captured prisoners and machine guns during various raids. South and north of Lens there is considerable mutual artillery fighting in different sectors, the enemy's being chiefly directed on our positions astride the Somme and Aire and also in the neighbourhood of Festubert and Nieppe Forest.

The French Front. London, April 22.

A French communiqué states:—In the enemy raid repulsed yesterday night to the east of Avre, in the region of Thennies, we took prisoners. In the enemy raid east of Rheims we were equally successful. There is artillery activity at various points of the front.

#### FAIRY GERMAN AIRMAN KILLED.

Richtofen Buried With Military Honours.

London, April 22.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing on Monday, says that the famous German airman Richtofen, was brought down yesterday. His body has been recovered and is being buried with military honours to-day. It is anticipated that the ceremony will be very impressive and worthy of the fallen airman's remarkable record.

#### THE GERMANS IN RUSSIA.

Numerous Atrocities Committed.

London, April 22.

Reuter's correspondent at Moscow says that the Government has protested to Berlin against numerous atrocities in Russian towns and villages because of alleged isolated cases of guerrillaism or the refusal by the peasants to give up corn and oats.

#### IRELAND AND CONSCRIPTION.

Unsettled State of Affairs.

London, April 22.

The Catholic clergy throughout Ireland yesterday pressed demands for conscription. The priests, in many instances, afterwards administered the anti-conscription pledge to huge crowds. The military have taken over the principal Irish railways, post offices and telephone exchanges.

#### DUTCH AFFAIRS.

Convoy of Ships Going To The Dutch Indies.

London, April 22.

According to Reuter's correspondent at The Hague, Captain Ramonden, the Minister of the Navy, has announced in the first Chamber that the Government intends to send a convoy of ships to the Dutch Indies with their own coal, escorted by warships, in order to bring back certain members of the Government and to fetch certain commodities urgently needed by the Government.

#### EARTHQUAKE IN UNITED STATES.

London, April 22.

Reuter's correspondent at Los Angeles reports an earthquake in southern California and a portion of west Arizona. Two towns have been wrecked, besides much minor damage.

#### CHINA'S INTERNAL CONDITION.

Two American Women Missionaries Kidnapped.

London, April 22.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking says that two American women missionaries have been kidnapped by brigands on the Kiangsu-Shantung border and held to ransom. Brigandage and lawlessness among the soldiers and a decreasing respect for foreign life and property are among the serious aspects of the internal situation.

#### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

##### HOLLAND MAY ENTER THE WAR.

London, April 22.

The "Daily Telegraph's" correspondent at Rotterdam states that certain demands have been already made or are about to be made by Germany which if pressed would force the Netherlands to take one side in the other in the war.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### THE WESTERN FRONT.

Enemy Suffers Severely in the Great Repulse.

London, April 21.

A wireless German official message states: Reciprocal reconnaissances on Prince Rupprecht's and the Crown Prince's battle fronts led to violent infantry engagements. We attacked the Americans near Seicheprey and penetrated for two kilometres, returning at night time to our original lines. The American losses were high and we took prisoner 183.

The Fighting Between Givenchy Forest and Nieppe.

London, April 21.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters reports to-day: Apparently the enemy suffered more severely in the great repulse on Thursday, between Givenchy forest and Nieppe, than supposed, for the hard pressing tactics have so far not been resumed. Last night and this morning passed quietly. Doubtless the enemy will make another thrust for the possession of the hill system from Kemmel to Mount Descaze, but to-morrow we shall be even better prepared to receive him than to-day. No leader of a democratic army dare gamble away his man power as Ludendorff is doing. No General of any other nation dare set a million and a half of lives as the price for the Channel Ports. At the present ratio of casualties to the progress it is questionable whether twice a million and a half will achieve the result.

After quoting striking figures gathered from an officer among the prisoners in support of the statements of the heavy enemy losses, ranging between thirty and fifty per cent, the correspondent says: The enemy has been eating the flesh of fallen horses along the Bapaume road and is much dissatisfied to discover that the reports of British troops starving are untrue, which fact is borne out by the capture of well-stocked canteens. During the recent advance French troops and artillery have been in action shoulder to shoulder with our men. It is impossible to overrate the effect in moral upon the latter, who have unbounded confidence in the heroism and fighting qualities of our Allies. The liaison between the Anglo-French army staffs is working with the utmost harmony and high efficiency. M. Poincaré, visiting the Flanders area this morning, reviewed the British battalions and expressed unfeigned satisfaction with all he saw.

We improved our position last night east of Brie-de-Vine, took some prisoners and killed forty. We also improved our line of posts in the area of Point Haig's and south of Pasaut Wood. Our artillery is ceaselessly active against concentrations in the region of Mount Kemmel. The airmen, taking advantage of the clearer weather, have been very busy all over the battle area.

Visitors Active.

London, April 21.

Reporting on aviation Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says: Twelve tons of bombs were dropped in day-time yesterday on Menin and Armentières and on Thourout railway junction. We brought down six and drove down three machines out of control. Three of ours are missing. Our night-fires dropped eleven tons of bombs on Bapaume and railway junctions at Jumièges, Bétheny and Châlons. A large fire occurred in the last named place. All the machines returned.

The French Front.

London, April 22.

A French communiqué reports: There was no infantry action to-day. There is reciprocal artillerying on the fronts of the Somme, Aire and Oise and right of the Meuse. Our line north of Seicheprey was entirely restored. The enemy bombarded Rheims, causing several fires.

Congratulations from Arabia.

London, April 21.

The King of Hedjaz has telegraphed to King George his congratulations on the magnificent and unmatched gallantry of the British armies on the Western Front, earnestly praying the Almighty to crown with victory the banners of the true cause for which they are fighting with such undaunted bravery.

King George replied: "I am deeply touched by your Lordship's message. It breathes the spirit of confidence and unity of purpose which binds together the Allied forces on all fronts in all lands in unshakable determination to achieve the liberation of mankind from tyranny."

The King of Hedjaz has telegraphed the British Government begging it to convey to Field Marshal Haig, his gallant commanders and troops, the King's wholehearted admiration of the magnificent defence of the British army in the face of the Germans' desperate but unavailing offensive.

The Mayor of Mecca has telegraphed the Lord Mayor of London congratulating the city on the inspiring spectacle of the valiant and glorious opposition to the fruitless assaults of the German hordes on the Western Front.

#### THE MAN-POWER PROBLEM.

The Dominions Redoubling their Recruiting Campaigns.

London, April 21.

The "Times" says that the Dominions are redoubling their efforts to reinforce their troops on the West Front. Both Australia and South Africa are resorting to redoubled recruiting campaigns. There is no difference between the advocates and opponents of conscription in Australia in their devoted support to the British cause, but only the difference about the means which will contribute best to its prosperity. The New Zealand Government, while increasing the reinforcements, has carried a Budget with a drastic clause compelling subscription to the latest War Loan. The efforts of Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa, if with differing accents, speak with unanimity of meaning and firmness of resolve, and are singularly welcome to this country and the Allies at the moment of heavy strain.

The Germans and the Crime.

London, April 21.

A German official message states: We have opened a way to the Crimea after overcoming resistance.

## TELEGRAMS.

### UNSETTLED CHINA.

Notes of a sermon by the Rev.

J. Kirk Macomber at Union

Church on Sunday morning.

But Abraham said, Son, re-

member that thou in thy lifetime

receivedst thy good things, and

Leasest evil things; but now

here he is comforted and thou art

in anguish.

And beside all this between us

and you there is a great gulf

fixed, that they which would pass

from hence to you may not be

able, and that one may cross over

from thence to us." Luke 15/25.

This parable should not be dis- connected from that of the unjust steward which precedes it.

It seems to be a warning to

Pharisees, who being "lovers of

money" derided our Saviour's

unworldly teaching. Addressing

them in their own manner He

gives this lurid illustration of the

Divine reversal of worldly

estimates, using terms and con-

ceptions current at the time con-

cerning the state of the departed

beyond the grave.

Here is this man "clothed in

purple and fine linen, and faring

sumptuously every day," in the

parlance of to-day doing himself

uncommonly well, and having a

good time. In contrast is the

beggar at his gate, full of sores

and competing with dogs for

crumbs which might fall from his

rich neighbour's table.

To both comes the one event

which does happen to all men,

and immediately the scene is

wholly changed. He who

had been the "companion" of

dogs is ministered to by angels

and, delivered out of a cruel

world, is received and cherished

by the father of the faithful. For

Dives also the change is thorough.

"In hades he lifted up his eyes,

being in torment, and saw that

Leasus was sent to cool his tongue

with a drop of water." Abraham's

reply reminds him that in his

previous life he had already

received his share of good things.

His request is therefore set aside

as unreasonable, but further it is

said to be impossible because of

the impassable barrier between

him and the man on earth

he had neglected and despised,

and whom now he wishes to serve.

The doctrine of retribution is

spoken of by our Lord in many

varying aspects. In this case it

is shown as the almost automatic

continuation in the future life of

lines laid down in the present

life, which would be retribution

enough in most cases. "He that

is filthy, let him be filthy still;"

what sentence can be heavier?

Every day as we live our lives we



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## M.P.'S FOOD HOARD.

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Mr. William John McGaugh MacCaw, M.P., and his wife, Mrs. Eleanor Elizabeth MacCaw, of Booksnest, Godstone, were summoned at Oxford for offences under the Hoarding Order. Ten summonses were issued, relating to flour, biscuits, sugar, tea, rice, tapioca, semolina, golden syrup, and honey. Mr. MacCaw is the son of the late Rev. Dr. MacCaw, D.D., and has large business interests in India and the Far East. He was first elected Unionist M.P. for West Down in March, 1908, and is a member of the Carlton Constitutional, Oriental, St. Stephen's and City of London Clubs. He has a residence in Eton-square, and evidence was given of the following quantities of food being found at the two houses:

Booksnest, Eton-square. lb. lb.

Tea ... 53 ... 12

Sugar ... 102 ... 28

Golden Syrup 34 ... 16

Tapioca ... 64 ... 32

Rice ... 134 ... 108

Oatmeal ... 59 ... 57

Biscuits ... 100 ... 15

Semolina ... 53 ... —

Honey ... 21 ... —

Flour ... 435 ... 473

—Mr. Roland Oliver who prosecuted, withdrew the case

against Mrs. MacCaw, who was stated to be ill, and proceeded with that against Mr. MacCaw, who pleaded not guilty. The Order had to be reasonably interpreted, and he would not contend that a man living in a country house with poor railway facilities was to live from day to day; but he did contend that he was only allowed to purchase such quantities of food as were reasonably required for his household. Having enumerated what the inspector found, Mr. Oliver said that he was not in a position to prove that any portion of the semolina houses? —I think a reasonable or honey was required since it was reasonably required for his household. Having enumerated what the inspector found, Mr. Oliver said that he was not in a position to prove that any portion of the semolina houses? —I think a reasonable or honey was required since it was reasonably required for his household.

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## AMERICA AND THE RUSSIAN RAILWAYS.

Appointments to Superintendent Reconstruction.

According to a dispatch received in "a certain quarter" in Tokyo, an agreement has been reached between the representative of the American railway party and General Horwath, Director of the Chinese Eastern Railway, to appoint some members of the American railway party at Harbin as leaders of the Russian workers on the Chinese Eastern railway. Commenting upon this report, the *Asahi* says that it is a very important matter. Japan negotiated with the Russian Government to take over the Chinese Eastern railway, but the negotiations came to naught owing to the outbreak of the Revolution. On the other hand it seems that the United States, through the Root mission, secured contracts for reconstructing not only the Chinese Eastern Railway but the whole of the Siberian railway. On the return of the mission to the United States, the American authorities dispatched a party of about 300 railwaymen headed by Mr. Stevens, who is recognised as one of the best American experts on railway construction. The Russo-American arrangement stiffened a temporary set back owing to the Bolsheviks assuming political power. The American railwaymen, however, stayed at Harbin, and conducted negotiations with General Horwath. As a result, they have now secured the right to direct the railway workers between Manchuria and Siberia. This is a first step on the part of the United States towards extending her influence to the whole of the Siberian railways. Americans have obtained a footing in mining, forestry, and other fields in Siberia, and taking advantage of the good feeling entertained by the Russians, the United States, concludes the *Asahi*, is steadily endeavouring to achieve economic development in that part of the world. —*Japan Chronicle*.

## Young Men from Mochits.

It was stated at the Enfield Tribunal by the National Service representative that a large number of fit young men from the Royal Small Arms Factory and the Royal Gunpowder Factory were to be combed out. This was being done as the result of a Government inquiry.

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WHITE ...

&c., &c., &c.

## NOT A FOREIGN OFFICE WAR.

Mr. Birrell Recalls Aims of Honour And Safety.

Mr. Birrell made it known recently to his North Bristol constituents that he would not seek re-election at the end of this Parliament, and, after a resolution of regret and gratitude, he addressed the local Liberal Association probably for the last time as their member. He has represented North Bristol since 1906.

Britain, he said, entered the war because honour dictated it and safety demanded it. I do not know precisely what a pacifist is. What I know is that I am not one, and never have been one. I hate all "ists" and "isms." (Laughter.) Rheumatism, from which I suffer, is a most useful accompaniment to a speech—worse, even, than an ill-tuned piano.

Untold things have happened, and, perhaps, are happening. But have not good things happened and are not good things happening, and may we not anticipate that good things will happen? Is not the entry into the war of the United States not a stupendous event, but a verdict carefully considered, honestly given, impartially rendered, and unbought? Is it not the verdict for the justice of our cause? It is such a verdict, and as such I desire it should be registered. In my opinion the entry of the United States into this war is one of the most important events the world has ever seen, and it would be bad indeed if, through any lack on our part, the glory of that event should be tarnished or impaired. (Cheers.)

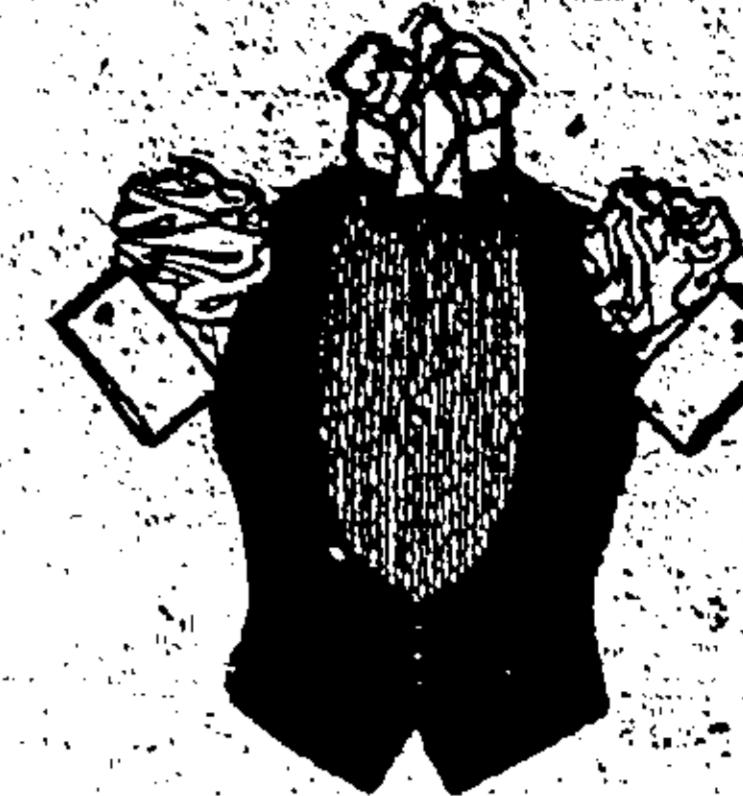
Asking what was the greatest obstacle to peace at present, Mr. Birrell replied that it was the temper and will of the German War Lords. In face of that temper it was futile to approach them in terms of peace.

In a latter passage, Mr. Birrell said: This is no Foreign Office war. I confess I have very little affection for our Foreign Office. Like an old fever hospital, it is full of the germs of dead wars and torn-up treaties. When you penetrate—God forbid you ever should—the innermost chamber, I daresay you will find sitting on a moth-eaten throne the mouldy, but not yet moribund, military "balance of power."

We are not fighting for Foreign Office ideals, or for the balance of power, or for strategic boundaries, but for those high ideals and those pure aims which at the beginning of the war were all asserted to and stated over and over again in the solemn speeches of our great leaders. We have in President Wilson a tower of strength and an arsenal of clean weapons. (Cheers.)

In concluding, Mr. Birrell said that newspapers were of enormous value to the State. Honestly he did not see how they could get on without them. If they had been allowed to tell more truths it was only charitable to suppose they would not have told so many lies. He thought they caused the Press "scaredly, and there was in the military mind the inclination to treat the Press as if it were an ineffectual interloper should not be allowed to say anything until it had filtered through the brains of at least three soldiers. (Laughter.)

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Manila	Haitan	D. L. Co.	30, Apr.
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Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nitko M.	N. Y. K.	18, May.
			15, June

## NOTICE.

## THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Ice Company Limited will be held at the registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday the 6th day of May 1918, at 12 o'clock noon when the abridged resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 16th day of April 1918, will be submitted for Confirmation as special resolutions:—

(1) That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this Company with the Dairy Farm Company Limited and that with a view thereto this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited be and they are hereby appointed Liquidators for the purpose of such winding up.

(2) That the conditional Agreement submitted to the meeting for amalgamation of this Company with the Dairy Farm Company Limited upon the terms (*inter alia*) of the acquisition by that Company of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of this Company in return for the issue to this Company of 52,000 shares of the Dairy Farm Company Limited of the nominal value of \$7.50 each credited as fully paid up (being eight shares of \$7.50 each of that Company for each share of \$25 each of this Company) and of the issue by the Dairy Farm Company Limited to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, the General Managers of this Company (upon their entering into restrictive covenants which have been agreed upon and by way of bonus as compensation for their loss of office as General Managers of this Company) of 2,000 shares of the Dairy Farm Company Limited of the nominal value of \$7.50 each credited as fully paid up and the same is hereby approved and that the Liquidators be and the same is hereby authorised pursuant to Section 183 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 to adopt the said Agreement and carry the same into effect with such (*if any*) modification either before or after the execution thereof as the said Liquidators may think expedient.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 10th May 1918, both days inclusive.

Dated the 16th day of April, 1918.

JARDINE, MATHESON,  
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General Managers.

No claim will be recognised if filed after the 2nd May, 1918.

T. DAIGO,

Manager.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1918.

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T. KIRK,  
Act. Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 18, 1918.

J. L. GIBSON,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 18, 1918.

Legislation Pending to Fix Silver Price.

Legislation is now pending in Congress to fix the price of silver at \$1.00 per ounce, according to advice received in Manila recently by the Philippine National Bank. This would prevent the fluctuation in the silver market which prevailed some time ago. A recent London quotation on silver was 45 1/8 pence per fine ounce, or slightly more than 90 cents gold.

## DIVES AND LAZARUS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The language of the parable is, of course, highly figurative. But behind its metaphor is truth which the workings of memory and conscience as we know them confirm.

Cast in forms of Rabbinical thought our Lord's teaching here has been too generally interpreted in forms of medieval thought, stereotyped, unfortunately, by the genius of Dante in the Inferno.

Christian teaching about retribution has therefore been embittered up with revolting conceptions of a material hell, until to-day it is difficult to get a hearing from it.

"Hell," meaning material fire and brimstone, may be "discredited institution." It should never have been anything else. But the laws of mind and character cannot be discredited, and these, according to God's truthe, cannot fail to bring retribution for sin against the light. And the human conscience asserts that this is right.

But is the institution so discredited after all, now that the times have ceased to be easy-going and our theologies to reflect them?

It would not be easy to persuade the men who have seen with their own eyes what has been done in Belgium, Poland, Armenia, that there is no hell, at least if there is a God. Not that

we are to take our theology from the trenches, but to the whole

world there has been unveiled a darkness of depths in the mystery of iniquity, for which it is hard to see how this life alone can provide retribution which could satisfy the just demands of the common conscience.

Now, so far as this parable goes it does not itself exclude hope. Christ spoke here not of ultimate destiny but of the state assigned to the departed by Jewish thought of His time before the final judgment. "Hades" is not, as popularly supposed, a euphemism for "hell," but the land of shades in the strict sense.

The greater part of Christendom has nearly always believed in some sort of intermediate state in which souls not incurably reprobate might find repentence.

But that is not to say that we

are to expect easy changes of character after death, and it is

change of character that is the real problem, not mere change of condition. The question is not one of God's being willing to forgive and restore, but of a man's losing the capacity to repent. In

this world we see but too frequently that having one's eyes opened to the bitter consequence of ill-going is not the same thing as really repenting of the evil itself.

There is no guarantee that it will be otherwise on the other side of death. The tendency of character

prevents according to the formula, as far as it goes. "Son, remember." Such is his sentence, and even "gross bodily pain" would be easier to bear. The load is not so much lightened after all by getting rid of literal

fire and brimstone. "Deathless memory the agent of remembrance, the perpetual reminder of sonship renounced, birthright dispised, stewardship neglected—what is it but the worm which does not die, fire which is not quenched?"

The crux of the question, so far as present-day thinking is specially concerned, is of course this matter of the "great golf fixed." It is fair to remind ourselves in passing that the difficulty is not an exclusively modern one by any means.

From the earliest times it has

pressed on Christian thought and there have been thinkers who

have believed in the final restoration of all souls to holiness.

Origen, among the early

Fathers, is said even to have

hoped for the ultimate conversion of the devil. There is no doubt

the mind does shrink from the

thought of punishment everlasting

continually continued, chastisement from

which there is no possibility of cessation or emergence.

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But if the war has forced us to

see in others that sin is blacker

than we had thought let the vision

constrain us to avoid it in the

## ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS.

## WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN HONGKONG.

## SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO ASSIST WAR CHARITIES.

## Full-Details of Various Activities.

Although not marked by such demonstrations as have characterised similar charitable efforts in the Colony since the war began, St. George's Day has been observed in Hongkong to-day by an effort to swell the already large sum that stands to Hongkong's credit on behalf of War Charities. Residents have long since become accustomed to "Day", and the happenings of the various "Our Days", "St. George's Days", "Heather Days", and the like seem likely to become definite fixtures in the calendar, at least so long as the war lasts. By circumstances over which none had control and which are generally regretted, it has been deemed inadvisable to celebrate to-day in anything like the manner of former events, and the programme has been limited to a sale of badges and a performance in the Theatre Royal this evening. The Committee of the St. George's Society first conceived of quite an ambitious programme, but the incidence of cerebro-spinal fever, which renders gatherings of people far from wise, has forced an abandonment of the scheme, though it is expected that it will not affect the large amount of money which it is hoped to raise. Instead of concentrating all the efforts to one day, the raising of money has been spread over a much longer period and it is quite possible—even surely predicted—that a sum of money unequalled by any of the preceding "Days" will be the result.

## War Bond Drawing.

With the permission of His Excellency the Governor a War Bond Drawing has been organised, tickets of \$5 each being sold for prizes which will take the shape of War Bonds. The sale has been limited to 100,000 tickets, thus making the total money put into the Drawing \$500,000. Of this amount \$125,000 will be taken for Charities, the remainder being divided into prizes of \$187,500; \$56,250; \$37,500 and 100 other prizes totalling \$93,750. Tickets have been on sale for sometime past now and have been taken up with gratifying liberality, and it is almost a certainty that the whole of the amount anticipated will be subscribed. The closing date of sale was originally fixed for April 12, but the Committee, with a view to giving the outside Ports better opportunity, wisely decided to extend the date to June 12. It will thus be seen that the War Bond Drawing has little direct reference to St. George's Day, but it, nevertheless, forms part of the scheme of the Committee and must be referred to in any mention of the day.

## St. George's Day Fund.

The decision of the Committee to open a St. George's Day Fund has proved to be a beneficial one and the amount subscribed to date totals nearly \$4,000. Lists of subscribers have appeared regularly in the papers, and it has been demonstrated that the pleasure of giving to charity has been by no means exhausted in the Colony. The Fund is still open and subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Ramsay, Hongkong, and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

## The Tombola.

When it became advisable to abandon the outside programme arranged, the Committee were faced with a difficulty of finding some other suitable way of raising money, and for the suggestion of a Tombola they are indebted to Mrs. Edie. To many people a Tombola was a mystery, but it soon became clear that it was really a huge "Lucky Dip". The prizes were to be given and in response to a public appeal for the presentation of suitable articles the Committee was rewarded with a really magnificent collection. Residents were asked for "specifications" and it was surprising what a lot of articles they found metal were donated by Mr.

Grimshaw. There was also a number of St. George's banners. These had been made by Messrs. Kelly and Walsh and presented free by Mr. Ho Kom-tong, the latter gentleman also mounting the flags. Satin workbags, plants, photographs, flowers and many other things were offered.

The Hongkong Club was thrown open to ladies from noon. A special tiffin was served at which members entertained their lady friends. Mr. Robert Sutherland gave his "Panoh and Judy" show in the Club before tiffin in aid of the day's funds, and the collection made at this event was quite a substantial one.

List of Sellers. The list of lady collectors, who did such good work during the sale of tickets, "spills" were sold, and it was a matter of luck as to whether one found a ticket inside a spill or not. The possessor of a ticket became entitled to a prize, and a drawing as to which prize he should be entitled to took place in the City Hall last evening. The sale of spills "took on" with rare success and practically all the thousands of spills made were sold. Prior to the drawing in the City Hall, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak sold by auction parcels of spills and by this means only a very few were left over.

There was spirited bidding for the unsold lots, the following being the purchasers with the prices paid:—Mr. N. J. Stabb, \$300; \$100 and \$110; Mr. C. M. Ede, \$330; \$400 and \$70; Mr. C. Champkin, \$50 and \$75; Mr. H. W. Looker, \$60 and \$95; Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, \$70; Mr. L. N. Leslie, \$60, \$65 and \$75; Mr. H. Hancock, \$70; Mr. T. E. Pearce, \$100; Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, \$75; Mr. F. O. Butcher, \$80; Mr. Dowley, \$75 and Mr. Raven, \$50.

It will thus be seen that \$2,330 was raised last evening. On enquiry to-day we learn that a total of 30,000 spills were made and that about 28,400 were sold. The price of a spill ordinarily was \$1, and it is estimated that approximately \$27,000 has been secured by the Tombola altogether. Seeing that the prizes were given, this is a clear profit for charities.

It had been intended to publish the numbers of the prizes together with the spill number which they had been drawn with in this morning's papers, but owing to the necessity of a careful check and the problem of setting the very long list in type, it was found to be impossible. The Society is now preparing to issue a special pamphlet bearing all the numbers, and this will be freely distributed so that all ticket holders will know the prizes they are entitled to claim. Tickets should be presented at the Tombola store, Queen's Road.

## The Sale of Badges.

The streets of the town to-day have presented the usual appearance of similar "Days", a large number of lady sellers being busy disposing of badges. There was a great variety of souvenirs for disposal these taking the form of ordinary button-hole badges, small flags, air balloons and even mascots. The whole of the articles had prominently displayed upon them the red cross, and it was few men who were seen without one or other of the emblems. Many richieh owners had balloons fixed to their vehicles, and altogether there was plenty of evidence that the street collection was resulting in a handsome sum being realised. We know of one case wherein a prominent citizen on behalf of the firm of which he is the head, gave a cheque for \$2,000 for a mascot. Other high prices have been paid. The collection was brought to a close before the tiffin interval and the lady sellers were provided with light refreshments at a special marquee on the Cricket Ground. The band of the 18th Infantry, played an enjoyable programme of music. A special word of praise should be given to Mrs. Stabb, who was mainly responsible for superintending the collection.

It would be almost impossible to enumerate the many articles which were disposed of so varied is the list. A large number of metal and ribbon badges with the Red Cross stamped on them were donated by the Misses Garry, the

Misses Coburn, the Misses L. and F. Neave, Miss Edna Knight, Miss Kathleen Murphy, Miss N. Pearce, Miss M. Hyde, Miss P. Ocilia, Miss B. Tarrant, Miss M. Scott, Miss G. Russell and Miss G. Sander.

Mr. Tatcher, assisted by the students of the Bellis Girls' School.

Mrs. Nicholls.

Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Hudson and Miss Crissie Allison.

Mrs. Richardson, Miss Mary Lee, Miss Muriel Richardson and Miss Iris May.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the following who kindly sent flowers for distribution at Hospitals and Military Centres, Mrs. Beattie, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Looker, Mrs. Ede, Mrs. Griffis, Mrs. Beckwith, Lucy Chater, Mr. R. Nicholson, Lucy Ho Tang and friends, Mrs. Holyoak, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Davidson.

Mrs. Wakeman, assisted by Mrs. Murray Scott, Mrs. Moore, the Misses Veronica and Bilsie Butterfield.

Mrs. Pearce, assisted by Mrs. Mo Kenny, Mrs. A. C. Davison, the Misses M. and D. Rodger.

Mrs. Ram, assisted by Miss Ventris, Miss Robinson, the Misses A. and J. Gordon.

Miss Goodall, assisted by Miss Goodall and Miss McLaughlin.

Miss Lack Smith assisted by Mrs. Henderson-Smith and Miss Gracie Main.

Mrs. Bird, assisted by Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Bennett.

Mrs. Sutherland, assisted by the Misses Grumble, Miss Flint, Miss Jack.

Mrs. Bowley, assisted by Miss Marr, Mrs. Solomon, Miss Belson.

Mrs. Evan-Jones, assisted by Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Bunting, Mrs. Falconer, Mrs. Hodges.

Mrs. Denison, assisted by Miss Marjoria Denison and Miss Ritchie.

Mrs. Alabaster, assisted by Miss Dorothy Lander.

Mrs. Knight, assisted by Mrs. Butterfield and Mrs. Matheson.

Mrs. Hodgson, assisted by Mrs. Bonet, Mrs. Mayhew, Miss Peggy Gordon, and Miss Dolly Haynes.

Mrs. Sandeman, assisted by Mrs. Draper, Mrs. Brook, and Miss Mabel Wright.

Mrs. Beswick.

Mrs. Pierpoint, assisted by Mrs. Reynolds, Miss Lintott, and Miss B. Jennings.

The Misses de Journel.

Mrs. Main, assisted by Miss Annie Miller, Miss G. Stedman, Master W. Danbar, Master J. Meeser, Master A. Lammert, Master Purcell, Skelton, the Misses M. H. and A. McGregor, Master John Lander, Master David Ellis, the Misses Bessie and Kitty Blair, Miss Betty Hammond, Miss Eileen Lammert, the Misses Joyce and Dorothy Holyoak, the Misses and Masters Stabb, and Miss Ainslie Halifax.

Mrs. Middleton Smith assisted by Mrs. Digby, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Marley, Mrs. Bryant, Miss Sophie Weill, Students of Sainyung School, St. Stephen's Girls' College, St. Paul's Girls' College, St. Stephen's Boys' College, Diocesan Boys' School, and the Ying Wah College.

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Mrs. Grimshaw, assisted by Mrs. Cousins, Mrs. W. Hill, Mrs. Prowse, Mrs. Bidderidge, Mrs. Grimshaw, Miss W. McNeil, Mrs. Stratford, Mrs. MacNeillies, Mrs. Polly, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Tait.

Miss Graham, assisted by Mrs. George Duncan, Miss Forsey, Miss M. Neave, Miss Robson, Miss Maggie Ramsey, Miss Gladys Ramsey, Miss Spender, Miss Charlie Chaplin and Mr. Bob Cross Nurse, Miss Joan Crispin, Miss Milly Kinross, Miss Blue, Miss Maud Graham, Master Herbert Duncan, Master Logan, Master W. Forsey, Master George Hadley, and Master Neave.

Mrs. C. Stark and Mrs. W. Gill, assisted by the Misses Garry, the

## CANTON NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent, writing on the 22nd instant, states:—

It is reported that the northern troops have arrived at Nam Hong and are now advancing in three directions. Two intend to attack Yee Hing and the Yan Fa districts, and the third to encircle Shau-kwan. Chang Kai-Ya, the commander there, has ordered the city gates to open two hours daily for traffic.

Li Lit Chuen, Commander-in-Chief of the lost cities, in view of the fact that the lost cities are nearly all recaptured, intends to reduce his army by one half for the fighting in the north.

Commander Li Kun-Yuen has proceeded to the north with his army and a large quantity of munitions, and has ordered that all the locomotives of the Canton-Hankow Railway must be returned to Canton station at night.

for all the work of arranging and carrying out the various activities of the celebration.

The General Committee was constituted as follows:—The Hon. P. H. Holyoak (President), Mr. N. J. Stabb (Vice-President), and Messrs. H. H. Gomperts, G. S. Archibald, H. W. Hird, C. Montague Ede, W. J. Eldridge, H. E. Hancock, L. N. Leslie, Hon. H. E. Pollock, K. C. J. W. Graham, W. A. Dowley, A. G. Coppin, H. W. Looker, M. S. Northcote, H. J. Ramsay (Hon. Treasurer), and J. Bentley (Hon. Secretary).

Various sub-committees were appointed, these being:—

Entertainment Committee:—Messrs. H. W. Bird (Chairman), R. H. B. Harcock, W. J. Eldridge, T. L. Perkins, J. W. Graham, W. J. Tatcher, H. W. Prowse, W. A. Dowley, G. S. Archibald, H. B. Bridger, J. H. Underwood, and J. Scott Harston.

War Bond Committee.—Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak (Chairman), Messrs. H. H. J. Gomperts, N. J. Stabb, C. Montague Ede, L. N. Leslie, C. Beswick, and H. C. Sandford.

Finance Committee.—Messrs. N. J. Stabb (Chairman), G. Montague Ede, T. C. Dowling, C. Champkin, and J. H. Ramsay.

Publicity Committee.—Messrs. A. G. Coppin, F. A. Perry, N. L. Watson, H. A. Cartwright, G. W. C. Barnett, and B. A. Hale.

Street Collection Committee.—Messrs. T. E. Pearce, W. A. Dowley, W. E. Roberts, A. H. Harris, J. W. Graham, T. Grimshaw and J. H. Ramsay.

Theatre.—Mr. W. Sinclair.

Ladies' Committee:—Mrs. Holyoak and Mrs. Stabb.

Owing to the indisposition of

Mrs. Holyoak, a great deal of work devolved on Mrs. Stabb, and the manner in which she has laboured to make the day a success has earned the thanks of all officials. In Mrs. Edie she had an energetic assistant. As stated above, Mrs. Edie was responsible for the Tombola. Mr. John Bentley, as Hon. Secretary, has also borne a lion's share of the work.

Henry Threlkeld.

Mr. L. N. Leslie

Stephen Ballantyne.

Mr. W. Sinclair

Harold Haslewood.

Mr. M. S. Northcote

Richard Haslewood.

Mr. W. McQuade

Robert Pottier.

Mr. H. W. Bird

Hubbard.

Mr. W. Charters

Stella Ballantyne.

Mrs. W. Logan

Mrs. Pettifer.

Mrs. Thornton

Baram Singh.

Mr. W. Charters

A. Servant.

Mr. G. McGregor

Produced by Mr. W. Sinclair.

Promoter: Mr. T. Bowes

Partington: Scenery Mr. W. A. Cornell.

Lighting: Mr. Pearson Fuller.

At the conclusion of the play to-night an auction sale will be conducted by Mr. H. P. White of the furniture used in the play, most of which has been provided at cost price or given. In addition there will be sold an "Edition de Luxe" of Louis Roemake's

war cartoons, which has been

anonymously presented in aid of

Marine War Charities.

The edition is a very fine one, and

was limited, thus making the

book a really valuable one. The

cartoons are in colour and all the

force of this cartoonist's ideas are

presented with striking effect.

The Officials.

It would not be just to con-

clude an account of the day with

out a reference to the list of

officials who have been responsible

## HONGKONG'S OPIUM CASE.

Another Stage of a Record Action.

Another, and perhaps the final stage of Hongkong's celebrated opium case has been reached to-day, for His Lordship, the Puisne Judge, gave judgment this morning on the latest issue. So involved are the two that the following explanation is necessary:—

The matter opens with the formation of a Company, called the Yue Hing Company, which was incorporated in April, 1912, with a capital of \$200,000, made up of 2,000 shares of \$100 each. The object



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"I CAME, I SAW,  
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What a Husband Found in a Hotel Register.

In a Divorce Court case heard recently it was said that the respondent wrote in an hotel register, "Veni, amavi!" (a variant of Caesar's "I came, I saw, I conquered"). Underneath the wife wrote, "E moi aussi."

The case concerned Mr. Walter Frederick Pankhurst, employed in the War Office, who was granted a decree nisi without costs on the ground of the misconduct of his wife with Mr. Edward Le Clizio.

Mr. Willis said that after her marriage Mrs. Pankhurst joined the Beecham Opera Company, neglected her home, and stayed out late, excusing herself on the ground of professional engagements.

In August 1916 she asked her husband to let her go to stay with friends at Westward Ho, and he consented. She returned, and her husband had no idea that anything was wrong. In the following year she again went to Westward Ho, and although she wrote postcards to him she never sent her address.

He made a search among her things, and found photos of herself and a man whom he did not know in a cornfield. He made inquiries at Westward Ho, and found that they had stayed together at the Bath Hotel. The wife stayed under the name of Eve, her singing name. He also found the hotel register, writing quoted above.

#### THIRD LIBERTY LOAN.

THE Subscribers' List for the THIRD LIBERTY LOAN of U.S. \$3,000,000.00 carrying interest at 4 1/4 per cent per annum closes in America on 4th May 1918.

THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION is prepared to receive applications up to 25th April on the following terms:

5% on application.

20% on 2nd May.

35% on 1st July.

40% on 8th August, and will also grant loans against this security.

#### POST OFFICE.

Information has been received from the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs Tokyo, that on and after 1st April 1918, the Post Office of Japan will collect a demurrage charge from the addressee of parcels on which Customs duties or inland taxes are imposed in Japan, not withdrawn from the Post Office within 30 days from the date of the notice of their arrival to be sent to the addressee.

The amount of the charge per parcel is fixed at 5 sen per day after the expiration of the period stipulated.

The parcel post service to Szechuan province has been resumed for ordinary parcels only.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

The Parcel Post service to places in Szechuan Province is suspended until further notice.

The London Post Office advises that all parcels (except those for Prisoners of War) and all sample packets for Denmark, Holland, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland will be stopped by the Military Censors unless posted under a War Office permit.

The importation into the Commonwealth of Australia of tea, other than that grown or produced in British Possessions is prohibited, unless the consent in writing of the Commonwealth Minister for Trade and Customs has been first obtained.

The Parcel Post Service to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces), and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Ethiopia, French Somaliland, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Letters franked at the 4 cents rate addressed to Yunnan and Menghai and other places in the Province of Yunnan should be superscribed with the words "For delivery by the Chinese Post Office."

Parcels for Greece cannot be accepted for transmission unless accompanied by a special permit issued by the British Minister at Athens.

Arrangements have been made for the transmission of parcels to the United Kingdom via Canada.

The rates of postage are as follows:-

Parcel not over 1 lb. ... 20 cent.

Do. 1 lb. ... \$1.80

Do. 1 lb. ... 2.70

No insurance can be effected on parcels sent by this route.

#### NOTICES.

#### HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Tramway Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of April, 1918, at 12 o'clock NOON, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,

W. E. ROBERTS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1918.

#### NOTICE.

WE have this day appointed the China Film Syndicate our Representatives in China, Hongkong and Indo-China for the handling and exploiting TRIANGLE KEYS and TRIANGLE FEATURES (which are copyrighted), for which we hold the Exclusive Rights in the Far East (Except Japan and Siberia).

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Dated this 22nd day of April, 1918.

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By their Attorney,  
E. R. GOURDEAU.

#### KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

#### OPENING DAY.

THE above will be held on SATURDAY, 2nd April 1918, commencing at 3.30 p.m., when the members will be at home to their friends.

D. S. COOPER,  
Hon. Secretary.

#### WEATHER REPORT.

April 24, 12h. 00m. No return from Japan station. Pressure has increased considerably along the west coast of China from Weihaiwei to Foochow, and slightly over N. Formosa; it has decreased slightly elsewhere. The depression has probably moved eastward to the south of Japan, and a weak anticyclone is situated to the N.W. of Shantung.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st 3.28 inch against an average of 4.04 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

Station	Forecast
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock	Light, southerly or variable winds, probably freshening later from E. to NE.

2 Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
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3 South coast of China be- tween H.K. and Lantau	The same as No. 1.
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China Coast Meteorological Register.	April 23, a.m.
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Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Wind Force	Winds Weather
Watcock	6	30.03	59	90	0	or
Namuro	6	30.04	59	90	0	
Hakodate	6	30.04	59	90	0	
Tokio	6	30.04	59	90	0	
Kochi	6	30.04	59	90	0	
Nagasaki	6	30.04	59	90	0	
Kyodera	6	30.04	59	90	0	
Osuna	6	30.04	59	90	0	
Naha	6	30.04	59	90	0	
Tah'ima	6	30.04	59	90	0	
Bonin Is.	6	30.04	59	90	0	
Whaiwai	6	30.13	47	66	6	b
Hankow	6	29.98	55	100	2	or
Ichang	6	29.98	54	100	2	or
Kinkiang	6	29.98	54	100	2	or
Changsha	6	31.02	55	100	2	or
Shanghai	6	29.98	54	100	2	or
Gutslaff	6	30.02	71	94	1	b
sharp F.	6	30.02	71	94	1	b
Amoy	6	29.85	71	91	2	b
Swatow	6	29.91	68	98	0	b
Paichau	6	29.89	66	98	0	b
Paichau	6	29.88	70	98	0	b
Koushan	6	29.87	68	98	2	b
Pidores	6	29.87	73	98	2	b
Canton	6	29.87	72	95	1	or
H'kong	6	29.86	72	95	2	b
Gay Rock	6	29.86	73	91	2	b
Macao	6	29.85	73	91	2	b
Wuchow	6	29.85	73	91	2	b
Patkhol	6	29.84	73	98	0	b
Holhong	7	29.82	73	96	0	4 of
Philien	7	29.81	72	96	4	or
Lourane	7	29.80	77	96	2	or
C. S. J.	7	29.80	77	96	2	or
Apari	7	29.80	77	96	2	or
Dagupan	7	29.84	73	98	0	b
Manila	7	29.82	73	94	2	b
Lagapati	7	29.82	73	94	2	b
Idambo	7	29.82	73	94	2	b
Surigao	7	29.82	73	94	2	b
Labuan	7	29.81	73	95	2	b
O. W. JEFFRIES, -Chief Assistant Hongkong Observatory, Apr. 23, 1918						
1 Barometer, reduced to 33 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches tenths and hundredths.						
2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.						
3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.						
4 Direction of Wind, to two points.						
5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.						
State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.						
TO-MORROW.						
Amoy—24th April, 9 a.m.						
Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Kobe, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, & Europe via San Francisco—24th April. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.						
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Takao and Amping—25th April, 7 a.m.						
Fort Bayard, Haiphong, and 25th April, 9 a.m.						
Swatow—25th April, 11 a.m.						
Shanghai and North China—25th April, 2 p.m.						
FRIDAY, 26th April.						
Straits—26th April, 11 a.m.						
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow—26th April, Noon.						
Philippine Islands—26th April, 2 p.m.						
SATURDAY, 27th April.						
Frits—27th April, 10 a.m.						
Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, & Europe via San Francisco—27th April, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.						
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keeling —29th April, 8 a.m.						
Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Europe, Canada, via Victoria, U.S.A., Central and South America via Seattle—29th April, Registration 11.4						